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In re application of: **SEIDAH et al.**

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Title: **MAMMALIAN SUBTILISIN/KEXIN ISOZYME SKI-1: A PROPROTEIN CONVERTASE WITH A UNIQUE CLEAVAGE SPECIFICITY**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 25, 28-30, 35 AND 36 as follows:

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3. The proteic fragment of claim 2, wherein said part has a molecular weight of about 14 Kda and forms a tight complex with the soluble fragment of SKI-1 [as defined in claim 1].

10. An isolated nucleic acid encoding a proteic fragment as defined in [any one of claims 4 to 6] claim 4.

11. A recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid defined in [any one of claims 7 to 10] claim 7.